Setting up of Export Oriented Textile Units Under SEZ Scheme

2369. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposal received from State Government for setting up of Export Oriented Textile Units under the SEZ Scheme during the last two years, State-wise, year-wise; and

(b) the action taken on these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Details of the proposals for setting up of product specific Special Economic Zones for textile sector during 2004-05 alongwith the status of these proposals are indicated below:-

2004-05

Location	Developer	Status
Mahindra City near Chennai (Tamil Nadu)	Mahindra Industrial park Ltd.	Approval granted on 16.7.2004.
Village Vanj, Distt. Surat (Gujarat)	Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation Ltd.	Approval granted on 2.11.2004.
Hassan (Karnataka)	Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board	Under consideration

Note—No proposal for setting up of SEZ for textile sector was received during 2003-04.

Export to and Import from saarc countries

2370. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of export to and import from the SAARC countries alongwith their growth rate during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 and the target fixed for 2005-06, country-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that rate of growth of import from SAARC countries is much more than the export to them;

(c) if so, the steps being taken/proposed to be taken to increase exports to these countries;

(d) whether any specific steps are being taken to improve economic relations with Pakistan particularly to exploit the vast export potential to that country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?